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It is to notify that the FTII students derecognize the assessment process which is going to happen tomorrow for the diploma films of 2008 batch since we fail to understand the rational of assessing incomplete film projects. It is completely unethical and grave injustice to victimize 2008 batch even after knowing the fact that the delay in completion of course within the scheduled time has been happening since 2000. All the batches from 2000 took at least 4-7 years to complete their course primarily due to the administrative mismanagements which has been already acknowledged by the Director of FTII.

The administration of FTII has reviewed the syllabus for 2015 batch only after the conviction that the current syllabus itself is of four and half years on paper. Also, FTII administration had cut down the number of students per stream to 10 so that to try to finish this course in 3 years. Even now everybody who were a part of that syllabus reviewing process undoubtedly can say even the proposed syllabus will not finish in 3 years even after cutting down number of projects. But, in 2008 batch there are 14 students per batch and they had to finish more number of projects with lesser faculty resource and infrastructure. Many students from 2008 batch were a part of the syllabus review committee along with the external experts as the FTII administration felt that the issues which their batch had faced need to be addressed in the new syllabus. Also, as per the Academic Council structure two students' representatives are permanent voting members in the Academic Council.

More than anything, FTII Students Association thinks this assessment as a political action from the ministry of I&B to suppress the strike rather than an academic activity. Because, in the absence of the Dean Films Mr. Virendar Saini how can the interim Director Mr. Prasanth Pathrabe take a decision to just finish the assessment of an entire batch without even consulting the Academic Council of FTII? The meeting of Academic Council of FTII that happened on 3rd May 2015 had allowed two students from 2008 batch to finish their diploma film shoot. In between how can the administration take a decision which contradicts the decision of Academic Council? This clearly says, the ministry of Information and Broadcasting has bypassed all the existing academic structures of FTII and are conducting the final assessment without even getting external experts to assess the student projects. It is a highly condemnable action from the side of administration to review unfinished projects on an ad-hoc basis, just as they constituted the FTII society on an ad-hoc basis. Both are politically driven and hence not acceptable.

It is completely irrational to assess an Editing student or a Sound Designing student unless the post production of the film is finished and also it is strange to assess a film without a final cut or a sound track.

Many of these students are studying here with the aid of bank loans and they all are suffering a lot because of the backlog which created due to administrative failures and lack of faculty. It will be unethical to not let them finish their final projects and Students Association of FTII will resist any action by the administration to victimize the most suffered 2008 batch because of the Student's strike.

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